

**Amendments to the Specification**

- 1) Please insert the following subtitle at page 1, below the title:  
**Background**
- 2) Please insert the following subtitle at page 2, line 36:  
**Summary**
- 3) Please delete the text beginning at page 4, line 33, and ending on page 5, line 15.
- 4) Please insert the following subtitle and text at page 5, line 17:  
**Brief Description of the Drawings**

For a further understanding of the nature and objects for the present invention, reference should be made to the following detailed description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are given the same or analogous reference numbers and wherein:

- Figure 1 illustrates, one embodiment according to the present invention, in a longitudinal view, of a tap for a gas bottle;
- Figure 2 illustrates a side view of the embodiment shown in Figure 1;
- Figure 3 illustrates a sectional view, as viewed from line D-D in Figure 6, of one embodiment according to the present invention;
- Figure 4 illustrates a sectional view, as viewed from line A-A in Figure 2, of the embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 2;
- Figure 5 illustrates a plan view of the embodiment shown in Figures 1 and 2;
- Figure 6 illustrates a sectional view, as viewed from line B-B in Figure 2, of one embodiment according to the present invention;
- Figure 7 illustrates another embodiment according to the present invention which includes a protective covering around the gas bottle tap;
- Figure 8 illustrates another view of the embodiment depicted in Figure 7, where the tap is in the rest position; and
- Figure 9 illustrates another view of the embodiment depicted in Figure 7, where the tap is in the active position.

- 5) Please insert the following subtitle after the above-inserted subtitle and text:

**Description of Preferred Embodiments**

- 6) Please insert the following paragraph at page 8, line 10:

It will be understood that many additional changes in the details, materials, steps and arrangement of parts, which have been herein described in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention as expressed in the appended claims. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the specific embodiments in the examples given above.

- 7) Please replace the subtitle on the 9<sup>th</sup> page, line 1, with the following text:

~~CLAIMS~~ What is claimed is:

- 8) Please insert the following subtitle and text to new page 12, line 1:

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

An apparatus for controlling the dispensing of a pressurized fluid. The apparatus includes a body, located about a first axis, which has an internal passage of the fluid extending between an inlet orifice and an outlet orifice. A fastening base, also located about the first axis, is threaded at its external periphery and in coaxial connection with the inlet orifice. An outlet connector is located about a second axis and is connected to the outlet orifice. A manometer, which has a pressure-take off connected to the internal passage, is located about a third axis. A tightening grip is located such that its base is between the manometer and the fastening base. A lever pivots around another axis to allow at least one valve, located in the internal passage, to move between an open and closed position. The valve's position either allows or hinders gas flow through the internal passage.